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Applicant : Hitoshi Nomura et al. Art Unit : 1647
Serial No. : 09/720,285 Examiner : L. Spector
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Title : NOVEL HEMOPOIETIN RECEPTOR PROTEINS

Mail Stop Amendment

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REPLY TO RESTRICTION REQUIREMENT OF MAY 27, 2004

Responsive to the action dated May 27, 2004, applicants elect the invention of Group I, claims 22-28, 31-34, 37-40, 43-47, 50 and 51, drawn to human NR8 polypeptide. The election is made without traverse.

Applicants also take this opportunity to respectfully submit that claims 26, 43, 45, and 46 have been incorrectly excluded from Group II, according to the Restriction Requirement. These claims encompass subject matter drawn to mouse NR8 polypeptides, nucleic acids encoding mouse NR8, and/or recombinant products of mouse NR8. Therefore, applicants believe that these claims should have been included in Group II.

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A Petition for One-Month Extension of Time is enclosed along with a check for the \$110 extension fee. Please apply any other charges or credits to Deposit Account No. 06-1050, referencing attorney docket number 12660-002001.



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Respectfully submitted,

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